

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: SHI et al.

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Examiner: Mitra, Rita

Title: Secreted Protein HBIMF63  
(As amended herein)

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please consider the following submitted herein. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Fee Transmittal, with appropriate fee.

Please amend the application as follows.

**In the Specification:**

On page 1, line 1, please delete the title and replace with the following new title:

--Secreted Protein HBIMF63--

**In The Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims 24-63:

-- 24. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 24 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:47.

25. (New) The isolated polypeptide of claim 24 which comprises amino acid residues 2 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:47.

26. (New) The isolated polypeptide of claim 24 which comprises amino acid residues 1 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:47.

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